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SUBJECT: UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING

1. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL PROPOSAL MADE BY FINLAND (SUPPORTED BY AUSTRIA, SWEDEN AND IRELAND) IN FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING LAST UNGA CALLING FOR A REVIEW OF CURRENT STANDARD REIMBURSEMENT RATES TO TROOP CONTRIBUTORS FOR CERTAIN TROOP COSTS. RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW, TO BE CONDUCTED BY SYG QTE TOGETHER WITH TROOP CONTRIBUTORS UNQTE, WERE TO BE SUBMITTED TO 32ND UNGA. ASYG DEBATIN IN FIFTH COMMITTEE AGREED TO CONDUCT SUCH A REVIEW; HOWEVER, JAPANESE, FRG, AND USSR DELEGATES CALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS TO BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE MAJOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS AS WELL.

2. DURING PAST FEW MONTHS TROOP CONTRIBUTORS (T/C) HAVE CONSULTED FREQUENTLY AMONG THEMSELVES TO ARRIVE AT NEW STANDARD REIMBURSEMENT RATE AND TAKEN POSITION WITHIN GROUP THAT THIS WAS MATTER BETWEEN T/C AND SYG; I.E., IT WAS THEIR EXCLUSIVE JOINT PEROGATIVE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NEW RATE WHICH SYG COULD PRESENT TO NEXT UNGA. RECENTLY T/C HAVE MET WITH WALDHEIM AND DEBATIN AND PUT FORWARD A UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO RATE OF \$750 PER MAN PER MONTH FOR TROOPS OF ALL RANKS (\$500 AT PRESENT), AND \$200 PER MAN PER MONTH  
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SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENT FOR SPECIALISTS (\$150 AT PRESENT).

3. DEBATIN CALLED IMPROMPTU MEETING JUNE 28 OF FIFTH COMMITTEE REPS FROM US, UK, FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN AND USSR (LATTER DID NOT SHOW AND NO REASON GIVEN) TO INFORMALLY ADVISE THEM OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SPIRIT OF STATEMENTS MADE BY CERTAIN DELEGATIONS DURING LAST UNGA.

PROPOSAL MADE BY T/C IS INTENDED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INCREASED COSTS BEING INCURRED BY THEM SINCE 1974, WHEN PRESENT RATE WENT INTO EFFECT, DUE TO INFLATION, CURRENCY FLUCTUATION, ETC. ACCORDING TO DEBATIN, T/C HAVE REJECTED ANY METHOD OF AVERAGING, SAYING THAT COST TO SOME ARE AT OR NEAR \$1000 AND PROPOSED RATES ARE JUSTIFIED. SECRETARIAT IS STUDYING T/C PROPOSALS, IN PARTICULAR PROPOSED \$200 SPECIALISTS SUPPLEMENTAL, AND HAS MADE COMMENTS: T/C ARE CONSULTING FURTHER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SECRETARIAT COMMENTS AND ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE FINAL REPLY TO DEBATIN SHORTLY.

4. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONING, DEBATIN MADE PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT WHATEVER RATE FINALLY PROPOSED BY T/C WILL BE THAT PUT FORWARD BY SYG AT NEXT UNGA. HE EXPECTS IT TO BE MADE APPLICABLE WITH START OF NEW UNEF MANDATE IN OCTOBER 1977, ASSUMING FAVORABLE SC AND UNGA ACTION, AND NOT TO BE RETROACTIVE.

5. ATTENDEES AT MEETING EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO DEBATIN FOR INFO PROVIDED AND SAID THEY WOULD REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

6. COMMENT: ON REIMBURSEMENT QUESTION T/C, ACTING IN A CLOSED SHOP ATMOSPHERE, CLEARLY INTEND TO HANG TOGETHER WITH FINNS AND SWEDES IN VANGUARD AND CANADIANS GOING ALONG FOR THE RIDE. IT APPEARS TO US THAT T/C PROPOSAL GOES WELL BEYOND MEETING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFLATIONARY COSTS DURING THREE-YEAR PERIOD OCTOBER 74-OCTOBER 77. IF T/C STAND FIRM ON THEIR PROPOSAL, WE EXPECT SYG TO FULLY ENDORSE IT, WITH UNGA FOLLOWING SUIT UNLESS EFFORT IS MOUNTED TO CHALLENGE ASSUMPTIONS AND COSTING OF PROPOSAL. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE, HOWEVER PRELIMINARY, ON HOW TO REACT INFORMALLY TO T/C PROPOSAL, ESPECIALLY WITH OTHER MAJOR NON-TROOP CONTRIBUTORS. YOUNG

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